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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 25, 2005, please consider the remarks, made below, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Submitted concurrently herewith is (a) a Petition for an Extension of Time for Response for three (3) months from April 25, 2005 to an including July 25, 2005, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

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